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TITLE: SLIDE BEARING SHELL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT IN RCE

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Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Commissioner:

In advance of continued examination and in response to the Office Action dated December 31, 2008, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** which begin on page 4 of this paper.